

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING – TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012

The Re-Organization Meeting of Tuesday, January 3, 2012 was brought to order at 7:11 PM by President Sylvia J. Martinelli. A quorum was present as follows:

Mrs. Martinelli  
Mr. Padula

Ms. Criner  
Mr. Costa

Mr. Boyd

Prior to the Certification and Oath of Office, Commissioner Padula read the following statement: “To the Residents of Wilkins Township: With deep regret, I must resign my position as Wilkins Township Commissioner, effective immediately. My employer, PNC Bank, has asked me to step down from this position to protect myself as well as PNC Bank. Due to strict Pennsylvania Conflict of Interest Laws that have been recently reviewed by the bank, I have been asked to step down and not hold Public Office. This is part of a general effort to preserve the company’s ability to do business at the municipal level in the future. Any questions can be directed to Frederick Solomon, in PNC Corporate Communications. With that said, it has been an honor and pleasure these past twelve years to serve the residents of Wilkins Township. When asked to run for this position in 1999, I was told it was a four year term and I replied are you kidding me 4 years, I’ll never make it! And guess what – those 4 years passed and I ran for another 2 terms. I have enjoyed my endeavor minus a few rough times...but have many great memories! I have great respect for folks that hold public office. I have had the privilege of working with great folks such as our Township employees our Solicitors and Engineers, from the past as well as the current ones. I gained a wealth of knowledge working with current and past Commissioners and Managers. I deeply care for Wilkins Township and will continue my tenure with the Wilkins #3 Volunteer Fire Company as I have in the past 20 years. I leave you in great hands with the current Board of Commissioners and management staff as well as the township employees. I know together with your help, we can keep Wilkins Township moving forward! Once again, thank you for your support and votes of confidence...I will miss serving you in my capacity as Wilkins Township Commissioner! Thank you!”

Certification and Oath of Office:

Judge Susan Evashavik-DiLucente, Fifth District of Pennsylvania, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas administered the oath of office to Mr. Michael Boyd and Mrs. Michelle Criner.

Citizens Comments:

Mrs. Sharon Vrontos of 115 Larchwood Drive presented a bouquet of flowers to Michelle Criner on behalf of the Century Club.

**(1-12) MOVED COSTA - CRINER** to appoint Commissioner Sylvia J. Martinelli as President of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of all present.

**(2-12) MOVED MARTINELLI – BOYD** to appoint Commissioner Joseph Costa as Vice-President of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of all present.

**(3-12) MOVED CRINER – COSTA** to appoint Mr. William Wilson of Dorothy Street to fill the vacancy on the Board created by Commissioner Padula’s resignation. The motion was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of all present.

Certification and Oath of Office:

Judge Susan Evashavik-DiLucente, Fifth District of Pennsylvania, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas administered the oath of office to Mr. William Wilson.

Representative Paul Costa congratulated Mr. Boyd and Mrs. Criner on their election and stated that 16 years ago, he stood right here and was sworn in and was very nervous. Representative

Costa advised that the newly elected officials should enjoy their positions but take the Township resident's interests and concerns first. Representative Costa also congratulated Mr. Wilson for his reappointment to the Board.

Appointment of Committees and Chairs:

President Martinelli made the following appointments:

FINANCE – Michelle Criner, Chair; Sylvia Martinelli and Michael Boyd  
POLICE – William Wilson, Chair; Michael Boyd and Michelle Criner  
PUBLIC WORKS – Joseph Costa, Chair; William Wilson and Michelle Criner  
RECREATION – Michael Boyd, Chair; Joseph Costa and Sylvia Martinelli

**(4-12) MOVED COSTA – WILSON** to appoint the law firm of Dodaro, Matta and Cambest, P.C., as Solicitor. The motion was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of all present.

**(5-12) MOVED COSTA – WILSON** to appoint the firm of Chester Engineers, Inc. as Engineer. The motion was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of all present.

**(6-12) MOVED WILSON – COSTA** to appoint Mr. N. Leonard Hill as Fire Marshal. The motion was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of all present.

**(7-12) MOVED COSTA – BOYD** to appoint Mr. William McElheny, Mr. Paul Romanelli and Mr. Nicholas Slobodnyak as Deputy Fire Marshals. The motion was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of all present.

**(8-12) MOVED WILSON – COSTA** to designate PNC Bank and the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) as the bank depository for the Township. The motion was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of all present.

**(9-12) MOVED COSTA – BOYD** to designate the Valley Mirror, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and the Pittsburgh Tribune Review as the newspapers for legal notices. The motion was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of all present.

Appointments of Representatives:

President Martinelli made the following appointments:

Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments – Mr. Joseph Costa, Mrs. Sylvia Martinelli  
Commissioner Liaison to Allegheny County Emergency Operations – This position is no longer necessary and so no appointment was made.

Woodland Hills Emergency Services Board – Mr. Joseph Costa

Allegheny Southeastern Tax Collection Committee: Sylvia Martinelli and Rebecca Bradley

**(10-12) MOVED WILSON – COSTA** to reappoint Mr. Rawley Krasik and Mrs. Constance McKeever to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term of three years; and appointing Mrs. Linda Porado to fulfill the unexpired term of Mr. Michael Boyd. The motion was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of all present.

**(11-12) MOVED COSTA – WILSON** to appoint Angie Gialloreto to the Vacancy Board for a term of one year. The motion was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of all present.

**(12-12) WILSON – COSTA** to appoint Mr. John Luffe to the position of Civil Service Board, to fill the unexpired term of Mr. William Wilson and Mr. Bob Wingrove to the position of Alternate. The motion was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of all present.

**(13-12) COSTA – CRINER** to reappoint the following individuals to the recreation Advisory Board: Rich and Joy Voeltzel, Janice McMahan, Melissa Brinza, Alyce Katsur, Sandy Albert, Beth Humberston and Autumn Hudson-Bryne. The motion was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of all present.

**(14-12) MOVED COSTA – WILSON** to reappoint Michelle Lucas, Norman Daughenbaugh and Frank Vincunas to the Code Appeal Board and appointing David DiFuccia as an Alternate. The motion was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of all present.

Commissioners' Comments:

**Commissioner Wilson** commented on the public address system; thanked everyone for coming to the meeting; thanked Mr. Padula for his years of service to the Township; recognized his family members who were present in the audience and congratulated Mrs. Criner and Mr. Boyd on their election.

**Commissioner Criner** thanked everyone for coming to the meeting; thanked everyone who voted for her election and especially thanked her grandchildren for their help in campaigning; stated that she will do her very best as a Commissioner.

**Commissioner Boyd** thanked everyone for coming out and stated that he is extremely pleased and excited to serve the Township, even given all of the challenges that we currently face.

**Commissioner Costa** thanked everyone for coming out and stated that he feels very bad about Mr. Padula having to resign for reasons beyond his own control; congratulated Mr. Boyd and Mrs. Criner on their elections and stated that he has a good feeling for the future of Wilkins Township.

**Commissioner Martinelli** thanked Mr. Boyd for getting involved with the community, first through the Churchill Area Environmental Council, then through the Zoning Hearing Board and then by running for public office, he represents new blood for the township; thanked Mrs. Criner for running and commented upon their long relationship, first as children growing up in the same neighborhood and now as fellow Commissioners; thanked Mr. Wilson for stepping up and stated that Mr. Padula will be sorely missed.

**(15-12) MOVED WILSON – COSTA** to adjourn. The motion was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of all present. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley  
Secretary